

a plurality of sensors connected to said microprocessor for sensing various parameters, said sensors comprising a gear shift lever sensor for sensing when the gear shift lever is in the park position, and a parking brake sensor for sensing whether the parking brake is engaged, wherein the gear shift lever is prevented from being shifted out of park when the parking brake is engaged.

22 21 31. The interlock circuit of claim 26, wherein said sensors comprises a sensor for sensing when a lift device operable through one of said vehicle's doors is turned on or is in an operational state, wherein the gear shift lever is prevented from being shifted out of park when said lift device is turned on or is in said operational state.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the above amendments in view of the following remarks:

Claims 24 and 25 have been deleted as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 26 has been added as a substitute for Claim 25, insofar as it relates to a circuit wherein the gear shift lever is prevented from being shifted out of park when the parking brake is engaged. Claim 27 has been added to specify that the gear shift lever can also be prevented from being shifted out of park when a lift device is turned on or is in an operational state, as specified by Claim 24. Since the subject matter of Claims 26-27 is substantially similar to the subject matter of Claims 24-25, Applicant respectfully submits that no further searching by the Examiner should be necessary.

Please charge the fees for the additional independent claim to Deposit Account No. 04-1061.